Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

Abstract

Conventionally, it is not possible to play video and/or audio suitably for a condition of each playing mode even when a previously specified playing mode is changed.

A reproducing apparatus comprises-includes a reproducing section 121 picking up any of signals compressed in a plurality of different compression methods from a recording medium, which. The recording medium records said the signals compressed in a plurality of different compression methods and record management information denoting association of said the signals compressed in a plurality of different compression methods with each other, respectively; a. A decoding section 111, and 113 for decoding decodes the signal picked up from said recording medium-131; and a recording section 120 for recording reproduction management information including reproduction-interruption information in said-the reproducing section 121 associated with said-the record management information onto said-the recording medium-131.

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A reproducing apparatus includes a reproducing section picking up any signals compressed in a plurality of different compression methods from a recording medium. The recording medium records the signals compressed in a plurality of different compression methods and record management information denoting association of the signals compressed in a plurality of different compression methods with each other, respectively. A decoding section decodes the signal picked up from said recording medium, and a recording section records reproduction management information including reproduction-interruption information in the reproducing section associated with the record management information onto the recording medium.